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TAGS:PARM, US, UR

SUBJECT:TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS

STATE PNE MESSAGE NUMBER SEVEN

1. APPRECIATE COMPREHENSIVE DELEGATION REPORTING OF ROUND III EVENTS AND WORK ON TREATY REDRAFTING. WITH REFERENCE TO DELEGATION RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 2, MOSCOW 8725, AFTER OVERALL REVIEW OF SITUATION OUR ASSESSMENT IS THAT AT THIS TIME NEGOTIATIONS CAN BEST BE CONTINUED BY CLARIFYING ISSUES WITH THE SOVIETS RATHER THAN TABLING A TREATY DRAFT AT THIS TIME. IN ADDITION SOME FURTHER WORK ON TREATY DRAFT IS NEEDED TO MAKE IT SUITABLE FOR TABLING. ACTIVE WORK ON TREATY DRAFTING HAS CONTINUED IN BACKSTOPPING

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COMMITTEE SINCE START OF ROUND III. DECISION ON IMPLEMEN-

TATION OF PREFERRED US POSITION IN PARA 6 OF STATE 138355 NOT YET MADE, AND THIS COULD AFFECT WORDING OF TREATY, PARTICULARLY PROTOCOL III. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED TO REDRAFT PROTOCOLS INTO FORM SUITABLE FOR TABLING. INITIAL REACTION IS THAT DELEGATION REDRAFT OF PROTOCOL I NEEDS CLARIFICATION AND SIMPLIFICATION. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ROMNEY AND INGLEY UPON THEIR RETURN. IF DELEGATION HAS FURTHER VIEWS ON TEXT OF TREATY DRAFT AND PROTOCOLS PLEASE CONVEY ASAP.

2. DELEGATION MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, TELL SOVIETS THAT THE US IS NOT NOW PREPARED TO TABLE AND WORK ON DRAFTS UNTIL ISSUES IN NEGOTIATIONS ARE BETTER UNDERSTOOD AND GREATER AGREEMENT REACHED ON SPECIFICS. FORM OF DOCUMENT COULD BE DETERMINED TO IMPORTANT EXTENT BY OUTCOME OF CERTAIN ISSUES. IN THIS CONNECTION, DELEGATION SHOULD  
(A) CONTINUE TO PRESS SOVIETS ON SLIFER APPROACH  
(B) ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE REASONS FOR FACTOR OF THREE DIFFERENCE IN MELT/KT BETWEEN US AND SOVIETS, AND  
(C) MAKE BEST POSSIBLE CASE WITHIN GUIDANCE FOR THE SPECIFIC YIELD LIMITATIONS ON CONTAINED AND EXCAVATION PNEs THAT WE HAVE REQUESTED.

3. SOVIET RESPONSE ON LTBT ISSUES REPORTED IN MOSCOW 8874 IS UNSATISFACTORY. DELEGATION SHOULD, AS IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, CONTINUE TO POINT OUT NEED FOR CLARIFYING QUESTION OF LTBT ADHERENCE. DELEGATION MAY BE ABLE TO DRAW SOVIETS INTO DISCUSSION OF LTBT COMPLIANCE BY RECALLING MOROKHOV OFFER (PARA 13 OF MOSCOW 8874) OF DISCUSSION BY TECHNICAL EXPERTS, BUT NOTING THAT, PRIOR TO EXPERT DISCUSSION, WE WISH TO HAVE INDICATION OF OVERALL SOVIET APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE RE GAS SAMPLING (PARA 7, MOSCOW 8788), DELEGATION'S CONCERNS ABOUT POTENTIAL DRAWBACKS OF GAS SAMPLING ARE UNDERSTOOD AND SHARED IN WASHINGTON. IN VIEW OF THESE CONCERNS, DELEGATION, WHILE NOT FORMALLY REJECTING GAS SAMPLING AS POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY MEANS OF VERIFICATION, SHOULD AVOID FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS TECHNIQUE FOR TIME BEING.

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5. IT APPEARS THAT IT WOULD BE IN BEST US INTEREST FOR PNEs PLANNED AS RETARC EVENTS TO BE CONSIDERED CONTAINED EVENTS. THIS WOULD IMPOSE 100 KT YIELD LIMIT AND AVOID NEED FOR DRILLBACK TO OBTAIN MELT SAMPLES. DRILLBACK WOULD BE REQUIRED WHERE UNPLANNED RETARCS OCCUR OR ON EXCAVATION EVENTS WHENEVER ADEQUATE MELT SAMPLES ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE SURFACE. DELEGATION SHOULD SOLICIT

SOVIET VIEWS ON THESE POINTS.

6. JERRY FOSTER WILL REPLACE JACK INGLEY ON DELEGATION EARLY NEXT WEEK. SUBJECT TO ISSUANCE OF VISA, FOSTER WILL ARRIVE 1710 JULY 1 ON BA FLIGHT 990. HE WILL BE CARRYING SLIFER STILL PHOTOS FOR DELEGATION USE.

7. US TESTING FOR JUNE CONCLUDED. NO TESTS SCHEDULED FOR JULY.

8. MATERIAL ON ERDA RADIATION STANDARDS REQUESTED IN PARA 5 OF MOSCOW 8842 HAS BEEN POUCHED. WE ASSUME THAT RADIATION STANDARDS TO BE DISCUSSED REFER ONLY TO ON-SITE WORKERS. DELEGATION SHOULD AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF RADIATION STANDARDS FOR OFF-SITE INHABITED AREAS.

9. CLARIFICATION IS REQUESTED ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. PARA OF MOSCOW 8841 ADDRESSING MOROKHOV ISSUE NUMBER 3 IS APPARENTLY INCOMPLETE. AS RECEIVED THIS PARA READ:

"CONCERNING YOUR ISSUE NUMBER 3, WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAS RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR A LIMIT ON THE AGGREGATE YIELD OF EXCAVATION SALVOS. AT THE SAME TIME WE NOTE THAT APPARENTLY CONSIDERABLE BUT UNKNOWN DISTANCE BETWEEN THE 500 KILOTON LIMIT PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE. TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE ACTUAL SIZE OF THE DISPARITY BETWEEN US IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE AN INDICATION OF WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY 'MEGATONS' IN THE CONTEXT."

B. MOSCOW 8841, PARA 1, MENTIONS THAT STOESSEL STATEMENT ADDRESSING MOROHKOV'S 7 ISSUES WAS PRESENTED AT JUNE 25 PLENARY, WHEREAS ACCORDING TO MOSCOW 8874, PARA 1, LINE 1, THIS STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED AT RESTRICT-  
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ED MEETING ON JUNE 25. ASSUME LATTER IS CORRECT. PLEASE CLARIFY. INGERSOLL

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